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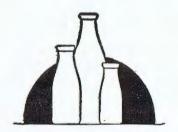
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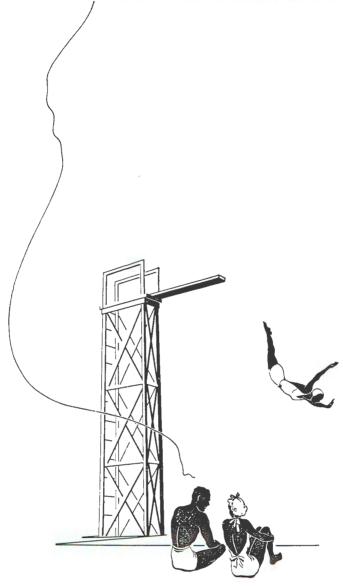
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### "THE SPRINGBOK"



A T a recent meeting of the serving officers of the Regiment, it was decided to discontinue publication of "The Springbok." This step was taken reluctantly after a great deal of consideration. The journal was unique in its way in that as a monthly publication it was the only one of any cavalry regiment in the British Service. Costs mounted and subscriptions decreased and the journal became a quarterly without any improvement in the situation.

The paper was published with the object of keeping in touch with Old Comrades and for ten years has served that purpose. But in recent years the number of Old Comrade Subscribers has fallen to eighty which placed the cost of publication on those presently serving. The task of editing required a great deal of time of an officer and clerk in each station which under the present demands of service could only be made available at the expense of other, and sometimes, more important work.

The cost of publication has been met by revenue from advertisement space which is very difficult to sell, from unit funds, and lastly from subscriptions to "The Springbok" which have now fallen too low to continue, as the deficit can no longer be made up by the serving unit.

"The Springbok" has had a constant support from some of its readers. Several correspondents have devoted a great deal of time and effort in providing suitable material for its columns and to these gentlemen the unit is deeply grateful as well as to subscribers some of whom have not missed a single issue.

It is felt with the increasing number of Military publications which must be read and the factors before mentioned, that the publication of a Quarterly containing material which is not news to three-quarters of its subscribers is not serving a purpose for which the unit is justified in spending money to continue.

Therefore, with this number, "The Springbok" ceases publication.



Since the last issue of The Springbok, the Empire has experienced the greatest event of our generation, the coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The ceremonies which took place in Westminster Abbey on May the twelfth were heard by a world-wide audience and the description of those ceremonies was published in practically every country in the world.

To the British Empire, the crowning of a new monarch marks the beginning of another reign and another epoch in British History. With unswerving loyalty and devotion, the Empire looks forward to the new reign. May their Majesties have many years of happiness and may Their Reign be one of peace, prosperity and good-will.

Due to the fact that both Squadrons have been busy with Schools of Instruction and Camp Schools, the material for the Springbok was not available until after the first of the month. As a result, this issue was very late in going to press. The Editorial Staff apologizes for the delay.

Because the question of the longevity of horses is raised so often, we publish the following, for the information of all:

"According to R. A. Brown, secretary of the National Horse Association, the oldest horse of which we have a reliable record is old Billy, who died in Cheshire one hundred years ago at the age of sixty-two. His skull is said to be preserved at Manchester University. Another famous veteran was Paramatta, an Australian horse who was fifty-three when he died in 1874. Tommy, a Welsh pony, made regular rounds of the village with a fruit hawker until he died at fifty-two. Among four-legged "old soldiers" a Crimean War pack-horse lived to be forty-nine. And Mick, who was foaled in 1888, and was a cabhorse in Hull for twenty-five years, was still alive a year or so ago."

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the following publications which were received during the last quarter:

The Canadian Veteran (Toronto Edition).

The Connecting File.

The Strathconian.

The Patrician.

The Canadian Defence Quarterly.

The Household Brigade Magazine.



On Thursday the twenty-second of April, a dinner was held in the Officers' Mess, Stanley Barracks, in honour of Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Goodeve, D.S.O., who has sailed for England to attend the Senior Officers' School at Sheerness, and in honour of Major W. Neilson, D.S.O., The R.C.R., who went on leave in June, pending retirement. The officers present were Lieut.-Colonel Goodeve, D.S.O., Major W. Neilson, D.S.O., Brigadier W. H. P. Elkins, C.B.E., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel F. L. Armstrong, O.B.E., Colonel M. C. Gillin, Lieut.-Colonel E. L. Caldwell, Major K. M. Holloway, Major H. T. Cock, M.C., Major G. R. Chetwynd, M.C., D.C.M., Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Fenwick, M.C., Captain K. A. Hunter, Captain W. E. Gillespie, Captain P. E. Poirier, Captain W. J. Megill, Captain R. F. L. Keller, Lieutenant R. C. Clark, Lieutenant J. D. B. Smith, Lieutenant J. H. W. T. Pope, and Lieutenant R. R. Munro.

Major D. A. Grant, M.C., arrived in Toronto on May the first to take over command of "B" Squadron. The "Springbok" joins all ranks of the Squadron in welcoming back Major Grant, and hopes that both Mrs. Grant and he will have many happy years in Toronto.

It is with the deepest regret that The Spring-bok bids Major W. Neilson, D.S.O., "au revoir." This very popular R.C.R. officer has been stationed in Toronto for many years and has endeared himself to everyone with whom he has come in contact. We wish both him and Mrs. Neilson the very best of luck for the future and express the hope that they may have many happy years to come.

The Annual Officers' Re-union Dinner was held in the Mess at Stanley Barracks on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of April. The officers present were Major-General Sir James H. MacBrien, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Colonel W. Rhoades, D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut.-Colonel D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Timmis,

D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel E. L. Caldwell, Major Medhurst, Major E. A. Hethrington, Major E. A. Steer, M.C., Major H. E. Cochrane, M.C., Major M. H. A. Drury, Captain W. A. H. MacBrien, Captain A. Jarvis, M.C., Captain W. E. Gillespie, J. M. Bowman, Esq., Lieutenant A. P. Ardagh, Lieutenant J. D. B. Smith, Lieutenant E. W. H. Berwick, and Lieutenant R. R. Munro.

Lieut.-Colonel D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., and Lieutenant A. P. Ardagh, spent the week-end of the twenty-fourth of April in the Mess at Stanley Barracks.

Captain S. C. Bate represented the Regiment at the Coronation of Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth in London on May the twelfth. He sailed for England on the twenty-fourth of April and returned on the Queen Mary, reaching Niagara Camp on June the eleventh.

During his stay in London, he spent a day with Lieutenant J. H. Larocque, who is attending the Tank School at Bovington and reports that Mr. Larocque is enjoying England very much.

On the twelfth of May, Regimental Headquarters and "B" Squadron took part in the parade in Toronto in celebration of Their Majesties' Coronation. The parade was one of the largest ever held in the city, and it was estimated that approximately a hundred thousand people lined the route.

The Garrison was formed up along Queens' Park Crescent facing Parliament Buildings. At eleven o'clock the Royal Standard was broken from the flag pole directly in front of the buildings. The massed bands of the entire Toronto Garrison played the National Anthem, which was followed by a "feu de joie." The parade moved off along the crescent, circling behind the Parliament Buildings and then proceeded south on University Avenue. In the absence of the

Lieutenant-Governor, Brigadier W. H. P. Wilkins took the salute in front of the Military Institute. The units dispersed at the corner of University Avenue and King Streets and proceeded to their respective Armouries.

Gentleman Cadet R. V. B. Caldwell, R.M.C., reported to Niagara Camp on June the nine-teenth and is attached for duty to "B" Squadron. The Springbok joins all ranks in extending to him a cordial welcome to the Squadron and expressing the hope that his period of attachment will be a pleasant one.

Lieut. R. R. Munro is attending the Canadian Small Arms School at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, reporting there on July 4th. We wish him the best of luck in his course.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES ST. JOHNS

Congratulations are extended to SMI. (W.O. 1) J. M. Hallett and Sergt. C. J. Quartly on their recent promotions to those ranks.

We welcome to our Mess two new members, Sergt. J. Horbury, R.C.A.M.C. and Sergt. L. Teasdale, R.C.E., the former coming to St. Johns from Kingston, Ont., and the latter from Quebec City.

On April 21st, an impromptu get-together was held in the ante-room of the Sergeant's Mess. On this occasion the members of the Mess bade farewell to QMS. H. Stanton, R.C.E., who has been transferred to Kingston, Ont. A token of appreciation was presented to "Stan." during the evening. During his eight years' service in this station a great amount of work has been done under his supervision. All ranks will miss this genial Warrant Officer, especially his "engineering arguments."

We again express the hope that SMI. (W.O.1) F. C. Cox, who for some time has been in hospital, may have a speedy recovery and return to duty.

On May 7th, 1937, a card and dance party was held by the members of the Mess in the Elks' Hall. Card games were played for about one hour, and then the large crowd present enjoyed several hours of dancing. Prizes were given to the winners of the card games, and we wish to congratulate S/Sergt. J. Britt on winning the "Booby Prize."

We were pleased to welcome a delegation from Toronto during the past quarter. SMI. (W.O.1) J. MacLean, M.M., QMS. (W.O.11) F. Oliver, and Messrs. J. Smuck, and Monte Cole paying us an all too short visit.

Amongst the officers present were Major and Mrs. G. F. Berteau, Captain and Mrs. C. C. Mann, Lieut. A. P. Ardagh, Lieut. A. Ritchie, R.C.R., Lieut. M. Lester, N/S N. Clarke and Mrs. Whitelaw.

CQMS. W. Rowbotham and Sergt. T. Horan represented "D" Coy., R.C.R., and Sergt. L. Teasdale represented the R.C.E. The evening was enjoyed by all and we are hoping that in the near future we will be able to meet again.

At the present time there are a number of candidates from units in the Eastern provinces undergoing courses of instruction at the Royal Canadian School of Cavalry and Armoured Cars, at St. Johns.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES—TORONTO

A combined ball was held at the King Edward Hotel in April, the combination being R.C.D. and R.C.R. So many readers were present and the affair was such a success that there is no need to elaborate the occasion further.

The committee in charge are to be congratulated on their splendid work.

A Smoker and Concert was staged as a fare-well to SSM. "Charlie" Sayger and Sgt. "John" Langley. Many ex-members and honourary members were present for the occasion at which a variety programme followed a delightful supper, and the presentation of suitably engraved watches to the guests of honour rounded out the evening. The presentation was made by Lt.-Colonel Caldwell, O.C., who with deep feeling wished both these popular members success in civilian life, and expressed regret that they were leaving the service.

R.S.M. Wardell, D.C.M., presided, assisted by a hard working committee.

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Frior to our departure for "Summer Vacation" at Niagara an At Home for members, friends and wives completed our social activities. Supper was served after games, following which the Honorary Members presented the Mess with an cil painting of H. M. King George VI., executed by Trooper Hook of the regiment. The presentation was made with fitting remarks by W. J. Stewart, O.B.E., popular ex-mayor of the city, who again voiced his appreciation of the R.C.D. services rendered the city during his term of office. Mr. "Monte" Cole headed the honorary members and the gesture made on their part is deeply appreciated. Dancing completed one of the most enjoyable evenings ever held and from reports the following morning all the wives were very happy -which speaks volumes for the success of the affair.

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Ex-SSM. Sayger is gradually getting adjusted to civilian life, but still is wearing uniform, having joined the Corps of Commissionaires. "Charlie" looks exceedingly well and likes his new work. We see him occasionally and we are always glad to talk over old times when he drops in.

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Sergt. Langley and family have sailed for England, where they intend to settle down. "John" will be missed: and his many pleasant comedy turns at our concerts will be remembered for many a day. "Good Luck", John, and success in your undertakings.

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Congratulations are in order to Sgt.-Instr. Costello, promoted to SSMI, and Sgt. J. Y. MacDonald to SSM, both of whom have had their faithful services rewarded.

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After a considerable period of absence on duty at H.Q.M.D. 2, QMSI. "Tom" King has returned to the fold, SSMI. Harding having been detailed to take his place. QMSI. King had spent some weeks at Christie Street Hospital prior to his return to the regiment.

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SSMI. "Bob" Harris, who is at present with the Tank School, London, Ont., wishes to be remembered to all his friends. Bob reports that his work is very interesting and that he is all "got up" over it.

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The many friends of SSMI. Copeland will be sorry to learn that he is at present in Camp Hospital, having sustained injuries whilst acting as Ring Master for the G.G.H.G. Mounted Sports. Although not seriously damaged he needs some patching up.

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Sgt. Siggins has been discharged from Christie Street Hospital to light duty. Although far from being as active as is his custom he is carrying on as Mess Caterer during Camp.

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Activities in a social light at Camp, so far, have been nil: our quarters in tents, although comfortable enough, do not seem to lend that "homey" feeling necessary to ensure success of any social event.

Within the next few weeks we will again mingle with our brother members from the country at Petawawa Camp and renew old experiences. The move will somewhat shorten our stay at Niagara. And although we will enjoy the change, we would probably have liked to have had "A" Squadron come here instead of our moving from an established spot.

#### PETAWAWA CAMP

This year the two squadrons met at Petawawa Camp for regimental training. "A" Squadron arrived on the twenty-fifth of July after marching from St. Jean, a distance of three hundred miles, which was covered in twelve days. "B" Squadron arrived a day later from Niagara-on-the-Lake and regimental training began immediately.

During the four weeks in Petawawa, many schemes were carried out. These not only showed the use of cavalry but also the work of armoured cars and reconnaissance cars. The new signal equipment was demonstrated and the use of radio telephony in the field was employed. Night marches took place and on the whole much valuable knowledge was gained.

Apart from the actual training, inter-squadron sports were carried out in the evenings, and provided the keenest of competition. In the track and field sports, "B" Squadron had a decided advantage and easily won the meet. Then followed the baseball. In the last half of the last inning, "B" Squadron scored the winning run to give them another victory. Soccer proved to be a real match. "A" Squadron had a slight advantage in that their team had played together several times and they made good use of this to win the event. The mounted sports were perhaps the most keenly contested. "A" Squadron came to the front again to win these and leave the field of sport with each squadron winning two events.

"B" Squadron entrained for Toronto on the 21st of August, leaving "A" Squadron to carry out musketry, before returning to St. Jean.

#### "A" SQUADRON NOTES

The activities of the Squadron have been varied this last quarter, the Montreal Coronation Parade, however, standing out in everyone's mind as the most interesting. The Squadron marched from St. Johns to Montreal on Sunday, May 9th. The Duke of York's Canadian Hussars Armouries were our Headquarters for the duration of the stay in Montreal, and everything was done to make horses and men comfortable. Monday and Tuesday the Squadron marched through Montreal, and the troops were received with enthusiasm in all quarters.

Wednesday turned out to be a lovely day, the Squadron were on parade for four hours, finally marching past the Saluting Base at McGill, where the salute was taken by Major-General C. F. Constantine, the Adjutant-General.

On Thursday the Squadron returned to St. Johns, tired but happy to have taken part in the Coronation day Parade in Canada's largest city and to have spent such pleasant days.

The Camp School of Cavalry came in on June 7th, and ended on July 3rd. The final week was spent with schemes which necessitated the Squadron going on long marches and bivouacing over night. These marches are pleasant and greatly looked forward to by all ranks. The evenings being taken up reminiscing of the day's high spots, and impromptu songs and recitations. These proved to be very interesting and amusing as the squadron is not lacking in talent, and among the School personnel, a large number of amateur artistes were discovered.

Captain J. Wood, Captain and Mrs. C. C. Mann, and Lieut. E. W. H. Borwick, together with Sergt. W. Jewkes and Tpr. C. Doherty proceeded to the Seigneury Club Horse Show on June 29th. The Show was run by Captain Wood in his usual efficient manner. Sergt Jewkes acted as ring-master, and Tpr. Doherty was the show trumpeter. Captain and Mrs. C. C. Mann, and Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick took seven horses between them and the results of the various classes in which they entered were very gratifying.

#### "B" SQUADRON NOTES

L/Corpl. "Charlie" Smith, who for the past year has been employed at the Riding Establishment Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, has returned to "B" Squadron. At the time of writing he is in Christie Street Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to Duty.

We welcome to "B" Squadron the following recruits who have enlisted during the past three months.

Jack Hector McDonald.
Norman Mann.
Haig Blakely Lewis.
William John Robert Timms.
William Stone.
Lawrence Thomas Armstrong.
John Rawlinson Copeland.
Roderick Alpine MacDonald.
Edwin Sutherland Johnson.

We bid "Good-bye" to the following personnel who have left the service, and wish them the best of luck in civilian life.

Tpr. J. E. Gillman Tpr. M. A. Hawryluk

"B. S. Lewis "W. H. Stagg

" O. W. Peterkin " P. F. Connolly

" J. Cowman " P. W. K. Mann

" L. S. Raven

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Congratulations are extended to Tprs. J. P. Cumming and J. R. Purcell, who obtained an Army First Class Certificate of Education at the March examinations.

Congratulations are also extended to Tpr. A. E. Mason, who was awarded the Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military).

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Tpr. W. A. Howe met with an unfortunate accident when proceeding to Stanley Barracks on April 22nd. He was run down by a cyclist and suffered severe head and back injuries. We wish him a speedy recovery and early return to the Squadron.

#### SPORTS

The inclement weather which prevailed during the first three weeks in Niagara Camp somewhat curtailed the Camp Sports Programme at the start, but with the later fine weather, a start was made in the Softball, Volleyball, and Cricket schedules. With three softball games already played it looks as if 3rd Troop are the class of the league, they being the only unbeaten team at the time of writing. Both 1st and 2nd Troop were forced to turn out with almost new teams, and some very promising players have developed among the newcomers. With the departure of Tpr. P. W. K. Mann the 2nd Troop cause seemed about hopeless, but they found a fitting substitute in the person of Tpr. L. T. Armstrong, who, taking up the pitching duties against 1st Troop, turned in a first class performance. Not only was his pitching up to scratch but he provided several sparkling fielding features and was largely instrumental in putting 2nd Troop in the win column, and thus, back in the running. Tpr. R. A. MacDonald of 1st Troop is another of the rookies to show talent, being able to play at almost any position with equal success. We look to these two promising youngsters to furnish stout opposition in the game against "B" Company, which is being played later on in July.

While some big scores have been piled up in early games, later on the games were close fought affairs. 3rd Troop, boasting almost the same team that won the league for them last year, were given a close battle by 1st troop, the final score being 11 to 7 in favour of the 3rd. Galloway, who is playing as well as ever, turned in a smart performance at short, while Hall pitched a steady game throughout. The following game saw 2nd Troop score their first win over 1st

Troop by a 7 to 5 score, and the game was as close as the score would indicate. It was in this game that Armstrong starred, while other features were the two triples by young Copeland, and some smart fielding by Nickle, playing 3rd base. Webb behind the plate caught a steady game. The 2nd Troop scored 4 runs in the 2nd, and from then on were never headed, although in the last of the 7th, 1st troop had the tieing run at bat.

The Volleyball League has passed the half-way mark, and with all three teams being accorded a chance to win the league the interest is being maintained. The Cricket and Football schedules have been held up due to the "rainy season," and it is too early to make any predictions.

#### SCORES

BASEBALL	
2nd Troop12	3rd Troop 17
1st Troop19	2nd Troop10
3rd Troop 11	1st Troop 7
2nd Troop 7	1st Troop 5
VOLLEYBALL	
3rd Troop 21	2nd Troop 5
2nd Troop 21	1st Troop18
1st Troop11	3rd Troop21

#### SQUADRON DISMOUNTED SPORTS

Squadron Dismounted Sports were held at Niagara Camp on Tuesday, June 29th. With the total points on the day counting towards the Inter-Troop Proficiency Cup, the interest was keen throughout the day and close finishes were in order. The weather was perfect, and the Committee had worked hard laying out the track and doing the countless tasks which are necessary to make a field day a success.

The first event on the extensive programme was the Shot-Put, and this was won by Trooper J. N. M. Hall, with a heave of 38 ft. 6 in. Lieut. J. D. B. Smith getting second place, and L/Cpl. S. W. Bone 3rd. Tpr. W. E. Smith repeated his win of last year in the half-mile, followed by Tpr. T. L. Kennedy, and Tpr. J. R. Manship in that order. L/Cpl. S. W. Bone and Tpr. D. C. Moore found little opposition in the pole vault, finally splitting the points at 9 ft. 6 in. with Tpr. Hall coming in third. Bone again proved his

versatility in winning the 220 yards, Hall and W. E. Smith finishing behind him in that order. The preliminary tug-of-war was won by third troop in two straight pulls over Second Troop.

During the afternoon Bone was again very much to the fore, winning the broad jump, high jump, and getting a third in the discus throw. Altogether this all-round athlete garnered 29 points and won the individual honours with comparative ease. Featuring the afternoon's events was Tpr. T. L. Kennedy's winning of the mile from Tpr. W. E. Smith, and Lieut, J. D. B. Smith who "doubled" in the Discus and Hammer throws. The 2nd Troop relay team of Tpr. D. C. Moore, G/C. R. V. B. Caldwell, Tpr. J. P. Wendon, and Corpl. J. B. Harrison, running in that order, showed too much speed for the other Troop teams, and won handily, with Moore handing over a lead that was increased by each of the other runners. A Recruits' Obstacle Race provided many laughs, and after a gruelling struggle during which they had to crawl under tarpaulins pegged tightly to the ground, and climb through knotted ropes, Tpr. J. H. Mc-Donald emerged the winner, followed by Tpr. A. E. Blottner, and Tpr. G. Netherwood in that order.

The Judges for the day were Lt.-Colonel E. L. Caldwell, Major D. A. Grant, M.C., Major M. H. A. Drury, Captain W. E. Gillespie, Lieut. J. D. B. Smith, Lieut. R. R. Munro, and G/C.R.V.B. Caldwell, R.M.C.

Official Starter-Captain S. C. Bate.

Announcer and Clerk of the Course—RSM.

(W.O.1) F. Wardell, D.C.M.

Provost—Sergt.-Instr. F. A. Green. Recorder—Sergt. J. R. Coulter.

A summary of the events follows:

#### SUMMARY

SHOT PUT:

1st Tpr. J. N. M. Hall (38 ft. 6 in.)
2nd Lieut. J. D. B. Smith
3rd L/Cpl. S. W. Bone

880 Yards Race:

1st Tpr. W. E. Smith
2nd Tpr. T. L. Kennedy
3rd Tpr. J. R. Manship

POLE VAULT:

1st Tpr. C. Moore (9 ft. 6 in.)
2nd L/Cpl. S. W. Bone (9 ft. 6 in.)
3rd Tpr. J. N. M. Hall

HOP, STEP AND JUMP:

1st L/Cpl. S. W. Bone (36 ft. 4 in.)
2nd Tpr. D. C. Moore
3rd Cpl. F. N. Stafford

220 Yards Race:

1st L/Cpl. S. W. Bone
2nd Tpr. J. N. M. Hall
3rd Tpr. W. E. Smith

Tug-of-War-Preliminary: 3rd Troop defeated 2nd Troop-2 straight pulls. 440 YARDS RACE: 1st Tpr. W. E. Smith 2nd Tpr. D. C. Moore 3rd Tpr. J. N. M. Hall HAMMER THROW: 2nd Cpl. F. N. Stafford 3rd Cpl. W. T. Morgan RUNNING BROAD JUMP: L/Cpl. S. W. Bone (20 ft. 1½ in.) Lieut. J. D. B. Smith 2nd Tpr. J. N. M. Hall 100 YARDS RACE: Tpr. J. N. M. Hall 2nd L/Cpl. S. W. Bone 3rd L/Cpl. W. A. Knights THREE-LEGGED RACE: Tpr. L. R. Moore and Tpr. R. A. MacDonald 2nd Tpr. G. P. Craven and J. R. Stobo Tpr. F. A. Rolfe and E. S. Johnson 3rd DISCUS THROWS: 1st Lieut. J. D. B. Smith (100 ft. 2 in.) 2nd Cpl. W. T. Morgan 3rd L/Cpl. S. W. Bone ONE MILE RACE: 1st Tpr. T. L. Kennedy 2nd Tpr. W. E. Smith Tpr. L. R. Moore 3rd HIGH JUMP: L/Cpl. S. W. Bone (5 ft. 1 in.) 1st Cpl. F. N. Stafford 2nd Tpr. J. N. M. Hall RECRUITS OBSTACLE RACE: Tpr. J. H. McDonald 2nd Tpr. A. E. Blottner 3rd Tpr. G. Netherwood Tug-of-War-Final: 1st Troop defeated 3rd Troop-2 straight pulls. RELAY RACE: 1st—2nd Troop. 2nd—3rd Troop. 3rd-1st Troop. TROOP SCORES: 3rd Troop-62 points. 2nd Troop-53 points. 1st Troop—11 points.
INDIVIDUAL SCORES: L/Cpl. S. W. Bone . . . . . 2nd Troop . . . . 29 points Tpr. J. N. M. Hall . . . . . 3rd Troop . . . . 17 points Lieut. J. D. B. Smith 3rd Troop 16 points Tpr. W. E. Smith 3rd Troop 14 points Tpr. D. C. Moore ...... 2nd Troop ..... 10 points Tpr. T. L. Kennedy...... 2nd Troop..... 8 points J.B.H.

#### IN THE REALM OF THE HORSE SHOW

The St. Catherines Horse Show, which ran from June the twenty-second to June the twenty-fifth, proved to be one of the best open air shows that has been seen in Eastern Canada this year. Entries from Toronto, London, Oakville, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and many parts of the Eastern States, with the local horses filled the classes. With the exception of the first afternoon and evening the weather was ideal, and both exhibitors and competitors enjoyed the keen competitions which took place.

On the first night of the show, Keodore, ridden by Capt. S. C. Bate, won the \$500.00 Touch and Out Stake. This class was the best class of the evening for competition as it was only after two jump-offs that Keodore won the first ribbon and had to turn in two clean performances to do so.

The Unicorn Hunt Team Class with which goes the Seagram Trophy was won by Capt. S. C. Bate's team. The Sifton Entry, which consisted of Keodore, ridden by Capt. Bate, in the lead of Iron Man and Carnation was placed second. An Open Jumping Class without wings was introduced this year and in this class Squire, ridden by Capt. S. C. Bate, was second.

The \$500.00 Knock-Down-and-Out Stake Class saw Spats, owned by Capt. Bate, and Tonada, owned by Mr. Strathearn Thompson, jump off three times for sixth place. As the horses were still tied, a coin was tossed and Spats took seventh ribbon and money. Another class which required many jump-offs was the \$500.00 Touch and Out on the second night. In this class Squire, ridden by Capt. Bate, was second only after three extra rounds had taken place to determine the first and second horses.

The Handy Hunters saw Keodore turn in another clean performance but in the awarding of ribbons he was placed third. However, this grand horse, paired up with Bendore, comprised Capt. S. C. Bate's entry in the Pair Class and turned in a beautiful performance to win the class.

In the Officers' Charger Class, Judy, ridden by Major M. H. A. Drury, was first with Mussolini, ridden by Capt. W. E. Gillespie second and Black Beauty, ridden by Lieut. Munro, third. In the Open Jumping Sweepstake, Squire, ridden by Capt. S. C. Bate, placed second and added another ribbon to the many already won by him. In the Inter-City Team Class, the entry of Capt. S. C. Bate, consisting of Bendore, Keodore and Squire, was placed second. The results of the N.C.O.'s and Troopers' Performance Class were as follows: 1st—Cpl. W. Morgan on "B" 84; 2nd—Tpr. Robertson on "B" 96; 3rd—Cpl. Price on "B" 44; 4th—L/Cpl. Hewitt on "B" 74.

On the last night of the show the final of the \$500.00 Touch and Out Stake Class was held. In this class Squire had a clean performance the first round and in the jump-off won the event. He was awarded the ribbon for the champion jumper of the show.

The Sixth Annual Show of the Seigneury Club was held July 1-4th. Mrs. C. C. Mann, Capt. C. C. Mann and Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick took their horses from St. Jean for the show and the results of the various classes in which they showed speaks for itself. In practically every class they took at least one ribbon. The results are as follows:

#### JUMPING SWEEPSTAKES:

1st Day—2nd Peggy McNeil, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann.
3rd "Mike," ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick 4th "Vances," ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick 5th "Leopold," ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick Captain Mann jumped off with Mr. R. F. Porter on "General Mex"

#### HUNT TEAMS:

2nd Entry—Mrs. C. C. Mann
Peggy McNeill....Mrs. C. C. Mann
Mike......Capt. C. C. Mann
Vances....Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

LADIES HUNTER (150 mile radius):

3rd Trantor, ridden by Mrs. C. C. Mann

#### JUMPING STAKE:

2nd Day 1st Peggy McNeill, ridden by Capt. C.C.Mann 2nd Mike, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

GREEN HUNTERS (150 mile radius):

2nd Trantor, ridden by Mrs. C. C. Mann 3rd Leopold, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

#### MIDDLE AND HEAVY HUNTERS:

2nd Peggy McNeill, ridden by Capt. C. C. Mann 3rd River, ridden by Mrs. C. C. Mann

4th Leopold, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

#### OPEN LIGHT-WEIGHT HUNTERS:

4th Trantor, ridden by Mrs. C. C. Mann

#### HANDY PERFORMANCE SWEEPSTAKE:

3rd Vances, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick
4th Peggy McNeill, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann
5th River, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann

#### PAIR JUMPERS:

2nd Entry Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick Mike, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann Vances, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

3rd Entry Mrs. C. C. Mann
River, ridden by Mrs. C. C. Mann
Peggy McNeill, ridden by Capt. C. C. Man.

#### LIGHT HUNTERS:

3rd Tranton, ridden by Mrs. C. C. Mann

#### OPEN GREEN HUNTERS:

3rd Leopold, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick
 4th Vances, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

#### HANDY HORSE:

1st River, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann 3rd Mike, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

#### KNOCK DOWN SWEEPSTAKE:

1st Mike, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick This class was won after three jumps-off with "Carnation" of the Sifton Stables.

#### OPEN MIDDLE-WEIGHT HUNTER:

3rd River, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann.

#### ARMY OFFICERS' PERFORMANCE:

1st River, ridden by Captain C. C. Mann 2nd Mike, ridden by Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick

#### OLD COMRADES NOTES

During the period in which the 2/10th Dragoons were in Niagara Camp, Regimental-Sergeant-Major Gordon Huff, ex-R.C.D., visited the R.C.D. lines and met many of his former comrades.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hobbs, to whom was born a son during the month of May.

Ex-Sergeant John Mathews, who is employed at Niagara-on-the-Lake, was an early visitor to the R.C.D. lines shortly after the Squadron arrived in Camp. "Matty" is looking very fit and well, and it is good to see him so.

Ex-Sergeant J. A. C. Watts also paid a surprise visit to the Squadron during the first few weeks in Camp. He is at present living in Hamilton, where he is employed by the Canada Steel Corporation.

We acknowledge with thanks the following renewal and new subscriptions:

Mr. F. Ackerman, Smithville, Ontario
Mr. A. J. Arnold, Masnieres, Blair, Ontario
Mr. G. H. Brown, 133 Melrose Ave., Toronto, Ontario
Mr. W. E. Cordingley, 17 Midland Ave. East, Toronto, Ontario
Mr. R. M. Henderson, 59 Maitland St., Toronto, Ontario
Mr. A. E. Hilder, 334 St. Clarens Ave., Toronto, Ontario
Major T. Moss, c/o University Club, Toronto, Ontario
Major Steer, 69 Dowling Ave., Toronto, Ontario
Mr. J. A. C. Watts, 23 Shaw Street, Hamilton, Ontario

We are indebted to Mr. A. E. Hilder, whose interesting article on "Lillefontein" appears in this issue, and we express the hope that other Old Comrades will also come to the fore with their impressions of the various campaigns and battles in which they have participated.

Mr. R. M. Henderson, whose address is given as 59 Maitland Street, is at present in Scotland. "The Springbok" wishes this "Old Timer" a very pleasant and beneficial visit to his homeland.

Lt.-Colonel R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., spent a few days at Niagara-on-the-Lake in July. Looking very hale and hearty he made frequent visits to Camp, and we were very glad to see him. Mr. John Smuck, who is now on the Toronto Police Force, accompanied a delegation from the Sergeants' Mess who made a brief visit to Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, P.Q.

The "Springbok's Lament" or "Quarterly Dirge" is again published for the information of all Comrades. Subscriptions have lapsed, and this sorry state of affairs is leaving the "Beast" little more than skin and bone. Old Timers, please rally, and send in your arrears to "The Springbok," Stanley Barracks, Toronto, Ont., and let us know of any changes of address.

The following letter has been received from Mr. J. W. Suffern, who is the Postmaster at Heinsburg, Alberta.

"Dear Sir:-

I am writing you for the purpose of asking you if you can tell me where I can locate Barton who came to "C" Squadron 1st Troop, in France. I do not remember his first name. There are a few around here from the Old Brigade."

For the information of all Old Comrades, Mr. J. Barton's address is:

c/o The Seiberling Tire Company, Paton Road, Toronto, Ontario.

At the Old Comrades Annual Re-Union Smoker held in Toronto in April, the following South African Veterans were noticed at one table:

Major R. A. Steer, 69 Dowling Ave., Toronto, Ontario Mr. A. W. Brown, 133 Melrose Ave., Toronto, Ontario Mr. W. E. Cordingley, 17 Midland Ave. East, Toronto, Ontario

Mr. A. E. Hilder, 334 St. Clarens Avenue, Toronto, Ontario Mr. W. J. Wheatley, 225 Emerald St., Hamilton, Ontario Mr. J. W. Harmon, 12 Carrol Street, Toronto, Ontario

Ex-SSM. W. G. Tamblyn is at present working for Lt.-Col. R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., at King, Ontario.

We regret to announce the passing away of Montague H. Tylor, at Courtenay, B.C., on February 22nd, 1937. The late Mr. Tylor (Monty) joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons, B Squadron, in Winnipeg in October, 1899, and was in 1st Troop, B Squadron, R.C.D., and saw

active service in South Africa, going right through with the regiment, to Belfast, and returned to Canada on the Roslyn Castle. Monty took his discharge from the regiment in the spring of 1901, and engaged in surveying in Western Canada. While in South Africa he contracted poisoning at Kroonstad, and this left certain defects, which brought on partial paralysis, which became more noticeable in later years, eventually affecting his health, so that for the past ten years he was a semi-invalid, suffering from partial-paralysis. Monty was well liked by all the chaps who knew him in B Squadron. He leaves a widow and two daughters at Courtenay, and a brother, Mr. Harold Tylor, residing in Toronto.

#### 12TH MANITOBA DRAGOONS

CAVALRY TRAINING CAMP, VIRDEN, MANITOBA, July, 1899.

During the month of July, 1899, a cavalry camp was held at Gopher Creek, Virden, Manitoba, and the troops under canvas were No. 1 troop of Manitoba Dragoons, Virden; No. 2 Troop from Oak Lake, and No. 3 Troop from Souris. The Officer in charge of the camp was Capt. V. A. S. Williams, D.O.C., M.D. No. 10, Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. With him were Lieut, C. T. Van Straubenzie and Sergt .-Instructors A. McMillan and W. McLeod. The voung chaps from the farms, put in a very enjoyable two weeks under canvas, and to most of them camp training, and particularly cavalry training under the strict supervision of the two permanent force instructors was enjoyable, and most of them would have liked to have remained longer, only there was the harvest to think about and after all, cavalry drill was only a holiday to most of us. Our real interest then was the yield of No. 1 hard wheat, and the price and grade.

When the camp broke up Capt. Williams mentioned that there might be a possibility of England having war with the Boers, which if this happened, Canada might send over a contingent of mounted men, and he even went as far as to ask that any of the men who wished could give in their names, so that if the call came, he would know how many mounted men he could rely on in his district.

The 2nd Contingent, Canadian Mounted Rifles, 1st Battalion (R.C.D.) was organized in December, 1899, and after being enlisted at Fort Osborne Barracks, it was found that there were ten men in the enlisted force, in 2nd Troop, B squadron, who had been in the camp at Virden, Manitoba, the previous summer. (I should have said, one officer and nine men).

The names of the officer and men who were at Virden Camp and who joined the R.C.D., 2nd Troop, B. Squadron, are as follows:

Lieutenant F. V. Young, Souris, Manitoba. Farrier Sergt. James Spencer, Oakdale, Manitoba.

Corporal J. D. Herriot, Souris. Corporal A. St. L. Carter, Virden. Private Gerald St. L. Carter, Virden.

- " A. H. Roberts, Oak Lake.
- " G. Bellamy, Virden.
- " T. H. Marriot, Virden.
- " J. Harvey, Oak Lake.
- " A. E. Hilder, Souris.

When the regiment arrived at Cape Town, and started off up country, by way of Stellenbosch, and railway to the Orange River crossing. we who had been in Virden Camp decided to pool our rations and as far as possible share and share alike. While Sergt. Spencer was not actually with the troop during the days marching, he usually came around at night when we were sharing our rations, particularly if any of our bunch had been successful in commandeering any extra rations from the Boer houses (while this was not permitted, it was often done), and many a good meal we had when Bellamy, our supply scout came into camp with actual results of his foraging excursion to some nearby Boer farm house. As the regiment used to make camp about dusk, it was often the custom for Bellamy to ask permission of our troop officer, Mr. Young, if he could fall out, and this would be granted. and away Bellamy would ride to a nearby farm house, and make camp an hour or so later than we had arrived, always with some extra food supplies, such as eggs, chickens, ducks, a small pig, flour, and dried peaches. I do not think Bellamy always paid for them either.

While rations from the quarter-master were at times very slim, and many of the fellows in the troop went short of food, and often were without even "hard tack," we of the Virden bunch always had a supply sufficient for our own requirements, and many a time we were able to share with others less fortunate.

We were very fortunate in going up country, and we all arrived in Pretoria with the regiment, with the exception of Sergt. Spencer (Farrier Sergt.). He went down with enteric around Kroonstad but after Pretoria, our individual troubles commenced. We were the first eight men in the Troop, and the first one of us to lay off was Harvey, he went down with enteric fever on July 5th, and went to Pretoria hospital. Harvey did not rejoin the regiment.

On July 7th we were in action, support to R.H.A. guns, G Battery, and came under shell fire from the Boer Cruesot guns, with the result that Marrior was badly wounded in the hands and arms with shrapnel. Marrior did not rejoin the regiment.

On July 8th we were again in action, and Lieut. F. V. Young was struck on the head with a 15 lb. dud shell, knocked off his horse, and unconscious, but not badly hurt. In the mix up Bellamy was caught by the plunging horses, and had his arm sprained. Neither Lieut. Young or Bellamy rejoined the regiment. It was a miracle Lieut. Young was not killed outright, but the shell struck him a glancing blow. Had he been a tall man (he was only 5 ft. 6 in. the shell would have taken off his head.

Our bunch were now down to five men, having lost four during the month of July. We who were left wondered each week who would be the next to go to hospital.

We went through the stiff fighting which took place on the way to Middleburg, and our Troop officer was Lieut. R. E. W. Turner, whose 3rd Troop (remainder of them) had stayed in Pretoria and joined the Military Police. A few of the 3rd Troop men came with the 2nd Troop. We all had narrow escapes on July 16th, the day that Lieuts. Borden and Burch were killed, and Mulloy and Brown were wounded. By the way A. W. Brown (Cavalry Brown) is still going strong, and resides in Toronto.

After the general action of Belfast, when Buller and Roberts joined forces, our 2nd Troop was sent back to Wonderfontein, where we remained a month. During that time we were constantly out on patrol, and on Oct. 7th, when ten miles south from Wonderfontein, we ran into a large force of Boers, and having to stand our ground until Mr. Turner could get our bearings,

Private Carter was shot through the leg and a bad wound in the chest. He was able, however, to get into camp, but was sent off next day to the hospital in Pretoria. His brother, was so concerned over him that he went down with enteric fever next day, and was also sent down to Pretoria. Neither rejoined the regiment.

We were now down to three men, and on Nov. 7th, in the action at Lillefontein, when Lieut. Turner was badly wounded, we had to make a determined stand in order that two guns of D. Battery under Lieut. Morrison, of Ottawa, could get away. Roberts was badly wounded and captured, and Hilder was also taken prisoner. This was the scrap in which Lieut. Turner and Cockburn and Sergt. Holland were awarded the V.C., and Lieut. F. Morrison was awarded the D.S.O. and Corp. Knisley the D.C.M. When Corporal Herrior returned to camp that night, he was fortunate in getting away before the Boers surrounded those who were putting up a fight to save the guns of D Battery, he was the lone man of the ten who were in Virden camp in the previous year. A lot had happened since July, 1899 to November, 1900. It was something like the story of the ten little nigger boys (and then there was one).

Coming down country with the regiment. Hilder was one of the unfortunate men who also got poisoned at Kroonstad, and when Corporal Herriot got down to Capetown with the regiment, he figured he was the only one left of the original ten men who had come out to S. Africa on the S.S. Milwaukee. He was agreeably surprised when he ran into Hilder just prior to the embarkation on the S.S. Roslyn Castle. In Capetown we ran into Farrier Sergt. Spence, and of the original ten men, three of us came back together and arrived back in Winnipeg on Sunday morning, January 13th, 1901.

Of the ten men of the R.C.D. referred to:

Lieut. F. V. Young died in Victoria, B.C., in 1930.

Farrier Sergt. Spence died in Oak Lake, Manitoba, in 1928.

Pte. J. Harvey was frozen to death at Oak Lake in 1906.

Pte. T. H. Marrior died in Western Canada many years ago.

Pte. A. H. Roberts got a commission in the British Army and retired with the rank of Colonel

in 1928. Col. Roberts resides in Dorsetshire, England.

Pte. Bellamy lives in Saskatoon, saw service in the Great War. Rank of Captain.

Corp. Herriot is farming at Lancer, Sask.

The Carter brothers (twins) also saw service in the great war with the Artillery R.C.H.A., and are now living near Chilliwack, B.C.

Pte. Hilder is residing in Toronto.

CAVALRY TRAINING CAMP, VIRDEN, MANITOBA, July, 1899.

The following amusing incident took place in Virden Camp one bright morning in July. The raw farm recruits were out doing a numnah drill before stables. To most of the young chaps from the rural farms, riding bareback was a pleasure, as we were mostly of ages ranging from 18 to 22, but to the few older men that had been recruited from the towns, and to whom riding was an unknown art, it was somewhat difficult for them to vault on to the back of their horses, particularly under the exacting eye of the Sergeant-Instructor.

On this particular morning before breakfast, the Souris Troop and part of the Oak Lake Troop were being put through their drill by Sergt. McMillan. He had given the instructions of Prepare to Mount... 'Mount.' Prepare to Dismount... 'Dismount', and we had been doing this a few times, and getting quite used to the brisk exercise, when all of a sudden he spotted a chap from the Oak Lake Troop named Heneage, who would be between 35 and 40, and not at all agile. Heneage had quite a time in getting on to his horse, and decided that no matter how the other chaps carried on, he would remain on the horse. Sergt. McMillan spotted Heneage, and immediately roared:

Didn't you hear me say "Dismount."

Heneage: Yes, sir.

McMillan: Don't call me sir.

Heneage: No. sir.

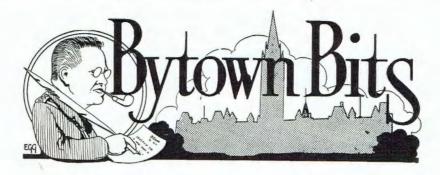
McMillan: Don't-call-me-sir.

Heneage: All right.

McMillan: Why did you not dismount when the others did?

Heneage: What's the use of getting on and off again. It's too damned hard work for me.

Needless to say we were all convulsed with roars of laughter, more particularly when Heneage remained on his horse, and nothing would induce him to continue the drill of mounting and dismounting, and he was then ordered to take his horse back to the lines. For Heneage numnah drill was a thing of the past.



CORONATION CONTINGENT.—Recalling days of the early part of the war when troops were quartered at Lansdowne Park, details for the Canadian Coronation Contingent assembled at Ottawa prior to their departure overseas. During their stay in the Capital City, they were twice inspected, once by the Adjutant-General and once by the Governor-General. A church parade and numerous social functions helped vary the monotony of ceremonial parades. One of the high lights was Major F. H. Wilkes, known to the faithful as "Wilkie Bard."

Coronation Day.—The observation of the coronation of His Majesty King George VI. was fittingly celebrated in Ottawa. Almost every radio in the Capital was on the job at 5.00 o'clock and later on in the morning. Fifty thousand citizens wended their way to Parliament Hill to witness the parade of the Garrison. Every unit turned out full strength and over twenty-five hundred veterans of former wars marched. A short but impressive ceremony was held and at high noon a Royal Salute was fired by the First Brigade R.C.A. punctuated every seven rounds by a burst of "feu de joie" firing by a detachment of the Royal Canadian Air Force. In the after-

noon radios again came in to their own, and in the evening there was a band concert on the Hill and fireworks.

Summer Training.—All units of the Garrison are now busy at their annual training. The city regiments are doing their stuff on Cartier Square, and later on the Artillery, Engineers and Army Service Corps leave for Petawawa and the Cavalry for Connaught. Every week-end units of the Montreal Garrison come up to Connaught for their classification owing to the Pointe Aux Trembles ranges being closed.

TROOPING THE COLOUR.—On Sunday evening, June the third, the Governor-General's Foot Guards and the Canadian Grenadier Guards of Montreal performed the time honoured ceremony of Trooping the Colour on Parliament Hill in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. The evening was all that could be desired and the various movements were gone through with a snap and precision that could be envied. The Guards were commanded by Major J. F. Wurtle, M.C., and the Grenadiers by Lt.-Col. Stairs, M.C. The salute was taken by Major-General C. F. Constantine.

#### LILLEFONTEIN, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1900

The action in which three Canadians of the Royal Canadian Dragoons won the V.C., one awarded the D.C.M., and an officer of Canadian Artillery the D.S.O. was fought at Lillefontein, near the Komati River, about 12 miles south from Belfast. The following is an official description:

"The rear guard, under the command of Lieut .-Colonel Lessard, consisted only of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, with a Colt gun, and two guns of 'D' Battery, Canadian Artillery, and soon it became most closely pressed by the enemy, the Boers showing themselves everywhere, and coming on with the greatest determination. The Canadian guns were continually in action against parties of the enemy at times owing to the necessity of having to work singly, quite a distance apart. At 10.40 a.m., seeing that the baggage and infantry were at a safe distance, the rear guard began to fall back, and as they did so the Boers became more and more aggressive; but the accurate and steady fire from the guns, and the bold front of the Dragoons, kept them at a distance. The accurate knowledge of the country and folds of the ground which the Boers have all through the war been acknowledged to possess, stood them in good stead on this occasion, for some hundreds of them, taking advantage of a dip in the ground running up from the Komati River, had collected directly behind our rear guard, and thinking their opportunity had arrived, galloped out, firing wildly from their horses as they charged, their object being to capture the guns. It was at this juncture that the greatest gallantry was displayed by the Canadians. The guns rapidly fired some half a dozen rounds at the advancing enemy, then limbered up and retired as their now thoroughly tired horses would allow them, and two troops under Lieut. Cockburn and Sergeant Builder covered their retirement, sacrificing themselves by fighting till those who were not killed or wounded were captured by an overwhelming force. By this action the Canadian cavalry saved the Canadian Guns."

The men in the ranks who actually take part in a scrap of this kind, often see conditions somewhat different to that reported officially, and having a vivid recollection of this stirring little scrap, which resulted in the award of three V.C. members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, also

being one of the rank and file who were captured that day in the mix up, I feel that my version of just what I saw, and the actual happenings from an ex-member of the R.C.D.'s will not come amiss even at this late date.

Our troop was the 2nd Troop B Squadron, R.C.D. (Manitoba Troop) under the command of Lieut. Turner. The previous day, the convoy on reconnaissance had marched out from Belfast, with the object of dispersing a large force of Boers who had previously made their headquarters on the Komati river, but had been dispersed when Buller's forces marched up from Standerton where he joined forces with Roberts command at the battle of Belfast. The Boers had, however, returned to Komati, and from their place of vantage were causing considerable troubles by raids and sniping to the British forces protecting the railway. Altogether the force under the command of Col. Smith-Dorrien represented about 2,000 men all told, two regiments of infantry, two 12 pounder guns, four 15 pounder guns, and one 5-inch gun, drawn by 18 yoke of oxen. On November 6th this force inflicted considerable damage to the Boers, driving them from their encampments at Komati and considerable damage and casualties were inflicted by the 5 inch Lyddite shells, a number of Boer houses being completely destroyed.

It seemed to always be the luck of Lieut. Turner's troop of Dragoons to always be in the advance going out, and always in the rear guard on retiring, thereby getting fired on by the retreating Boers, and being harassed and sniped on when acting as rear guard to the infantry and guns. On this particular time the 2nd troop numbered 28 men of the original 40 who disembarked at Capetown, the previous March. this particular morning, Nov. 6th, Lieut. Turner remarked to his men, that he wanted us to take care of ourselves, as in all likelihood this would be the last scrap we would be in, and he particularly wanted to take us all back to Canada, and wanted no further casualties. Little did he know of what the next day had in store for us.

On the night of Nov. 6th we camped down near the Komati River, and were up early next morning ready to move off at 7 a.m.. The infantry, convoy and heavy guns moved off sharp at 7 a.m., and the Dragoons were told to remain ready to move immediately on orders. At 8 a.m., we moved towards the west, and the

squadron was divided into 6 units, each troop being split up, to half its number, and the entire squadron representing 6 units were strung out in a line in the form of a semi-circle extending fully a mile in distance and each unit about 400 yards apart. On the right flank larger forces of mounted men were in force, and on the left bank, the mounted men under Col. Evans held the ground. As matters turned out the two sectors or units of the 2nd Troop B Squadron were in the centre of the line and in order that Lieut. Turner could keep contact with the various units he appointed Lieut. Cockburn in charge of the centre units, and on the left Sergt. Builder was in charge.

Toward 9 a.m., the units were in their respective positions, and we were told by Lieut. Turner on no account to move off or retire, until ordered by Lieut. Cockburn, who was continually in touch with the various units. On the horizon we could see groups of Boers, in numbers from four to a dozen or more congregated in our rear, on higher ground, and as we were located on high ground, we could see the groups of Boers massing over and along a mile on each flank. At about 9.30 a.m., Lieut. Turner realized that our particular troop would most likely bear the brunt of the attack, gave us orders not to retire, until the two guns of D Battery commenced firing in our front over our heads, and the guns would continue to fire, while we retired towards our objective three miles away. He further informed us that a trap was being set for the Boers about three miles away, over the hill where the infantry would be lying in wait, and as the Guns and our troops retired, followed by the Boers we would dismount and double back and join with the infantry in their places of concealment (a dry spruit). The plans were well worked out, but it did not work as planned. At about 9.45 a.m. Sergt. Builder in charge on our left came to us with information that from his point he could see a large force of the enemy, massed about half a mile to his left flank. Lieut. Cockburn had in the meantime galloped towards the right flank, and we informed Sergt. Builder the final instructions given us by Lieut. Turner, who had hurried away, to see that the infantry would be our support after we commenced retiring due to the pressure on both flanks and to our rear.

We all fully realized we were in a tough spot, as at that time the two guns were only half a mile from us, and we dare not retire until we got the signal. One of our chaps, J. H. Irvine, remarked to Sergt. Builder that he would bet him two shillings that he (Builder) would be killed before the day was out. Sergt. Builder turned white, and remarked that it was not a joke to bet when we were all in the same danger, and remarked that he would die fighting, and told us to do the same. Poor chap, he was killed within three hours.

At about 10 a.m., the two guns commenced firing at a group of Boers, that were gradually getting nearer to our unit, we could not see them from our point, but the guns being at a higher elevation to look down towards our rear as well as towards both flanks. Immediately the guns commenced was a signal for us to mount and ride like the devil towards the guns, the men opening out in extended order, and in this manner the troop got separated. When we reached the side of the guns, we immediately dismounted, and to our surprise, we saw groups of Boers rapidly riding in our rear and some were already at the place we had left a few minutes previously. The larger groups on our flanks had also closed in, and from the high point we could see the Boers galloping in on their flanks. The total strength of the squadron did not then exceed 100 mounted men, and there must have been from 300 to 500 Boers hot on our heels.

We commenced firing independently, while the guns limbered up and retired. While our attention was centred on the group of Boers immediately towards us, we did not notice how the two flanks were being driven in towards the centre, or bottle-neck. As soon as the guns regained a new position they opened fire, and we in turn again mounted and retired. This sort of thing took place three times, until at last the guns were firing case shot at 400 yards, and we mounted men were firing independently. It took about three hours to make the three miles. At one period of our retreat, A. H. Roberts and the writer were riding knee to knee, when a bullet crashed into the under part of my saddle. Another bullet went through my tunic near the side belt, another hit a drinking cup on Roberts' saddle wallet, taking off the handle of the cup. a fourth bullet went through the neck of Roberts' horse. We then thought it wise to extend, and at that time I noticed Lance-Corp. Anderson, shot through the head, fall off his horse. All the

units were rapidly converging on the ridge overlooking the spruit, as this was the only place they could cross, and men of the various units naturally could not keep together. The Boers knew the lay of the land only too well.

Shortly after when we were all retiring, and riding alongside the guns, who had at that time lost some of their horses, Lieut. Turner came galloping towards us shouting to us to dismount and to check the Boers so that the guns could get away. I remember Lieut. Turner "Never let it be said that Canadians let their guns be captured." Unfortunately in the rush and excitement, only those men who heard the word of command from Lieut. Turner, were able to carry out his orders. At that time his left arm was hanging limp from a bullet wound, and blood was also noticed on his neck. He further remarked that he would hurry away for reinforcements, and that the infantry had let him down. The Boers then who had been immediately behind us, were only about 200 yards away, and were firing at our small group from their horses. We immediately dismounted and all those who heard Lieut. Turner's command commenced firing independently at the on-coming Boers. At about this time some of A Squadron men from the left flank joined us, coming along the side of the hill, not exposed to the fire from the Boers. I remember seeing Sergt. Builder under cover behind a large ant-heap, firing rapidly. He was a good shot.

The remainder of the 2nd Troop B Squadron were strung out independently taking cover behind ant-heaps, and getting excellent shooting, at such short range. The Boers on our left flank who had been held back by Sergt. Holland in charge of the Colt gun, now gradually came around behind us, as the way was left open when Sergt. Holland took the gun barrel off the carriage and got away. Sergt. Builder was shot from the rear, the bullet passing through his groin. He suffered intense agony, dying about three hours after being hit. A. H. Roberts was shot through both arms, breaking both wrists, and the bullet then passing through the left forearm. C. A. Cope was shot through the hand. When Sergt, Builder was shot, the rest of the men realized that with the Boers behind us, that to continue to hold out was useless. In the meantime both guns had safely got away, after losing several horses. and with Lieut. Cockburn lying wounded and pinned on the ground under his dead horse, there was nothing further that we could do. To have continued firing against overwhelming odds, would have only ended in all of us being wounded or killed. We had carried out Lieut. Turner's orders, and after Sergt. Builder was shot one of the men raised the white flag and the Boers ceased firing at us, and soon afterwards we were surrounded by Boers from our rear. They certainly came in fast and we were in a trap. Had the infantry been there as we had been given to understand there would have been a different story to tell, as it was we gave a good account of ourselves, and while we could not give any accurate account of the casualties amongst the Boers, from the number of riderless horses running around, it appeared that our chaps did good execution before we had to surrender.

In the mix-up Pte. Percy Price of the 3rd Troop A Squadron had his horse killed and Corp. W. A. Knisley, seeing the difficulty he was in, rode back, and assisted Pte. Price to mount behind him, rode away before the Boers closed in on us. For this act of bravery and courage Corp. Knisley was awarded the D.C.M.

Those who were fortunate in getting away reported to the Commanding officer that the 2nd Troop had all been killed and captured. At that time Col. Lessard was about 2,000 yards away with his staff, and Lieut. Turner had ridden up to tell of the plight his men were in, when having received an additional bullet wound through the chest, he fell off his horse, remarking at the time "That he could always ride whether he was drunk or sober."

About this time Lieut. Emsley, who was adjutant, was shot while riding alongside the Colonel. It was just a chance shot, as the Boers were fully 2,000 yards away, but some sniper took a pot shot at the group of officers with the result that Lieut. Emsley was the unfortunate one to be hit.

The objective of the Boer Commandant was undoubtedly to try and capture the two guns of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and he nearly succeeded. As prisoners we were treated well and after we had given first aid to the wounded we were permitted to send in for an ambulance to come out and get the bodies of those killed and attend to the wounded. We all got back into camp early next morning, November 8th.

While we were still prisoners, the British 15 pounders opened fire on the Boers, and also the 5 inch cow gun fired a few shells. Fortunately for us and the Boers they over-ranged the guns, and the shells went over our heads. But it was a nasty feeling. Evidently some staff officer realized that a mistake had been made, soon countermanded the firing order and the guns ceased fire.

Those killed in this little scrap were

A Squadron: Sergeant Builder, Corp Filson, L/Corp. Anderson.

WOUNDED:

A Squadron: Lieut. Cockburn, Lieut. Elmsley.

B Squadron:

Lieut. Turner, Sergt. C. Cope, Pte. A. H. Roberts.

TAKEN PRISONER:

2nd Troop, B Squadron:

Pte. J. H. Irvine, Pte. C. H. Othen, Pte. W. J. Hawkins Pte. J. Keiller, Pte. A. E. Hilder.

VICTORIA CROSSES WERE AWARDED TO: Lieut. R. E. W. Turner, Quebec City, R.C.D. Lieut. H. Z. C. Cockburn, Toronto, R.C.D. Sergt. E. J. Holland, Ottawa, R.C.D.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER TO: Lieut. F. Morrison, Kingston, D. Battery, R.C.A.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO: Corp. W. A. Knisley, Selkirk, Ont., R.C.D.

The regiment returned to Canada in January, 1901, and most of the men returned to their former vocations. In December, 1901, the call again came for more men for active service, and some of the ex-R.C.D., who were in the little scrap at Lillefontein again enlisted for active service in the 2nd Battalion C.M.R., under Col. T. D. B. Evans. In the fight at Boschbolt, near Harts River, Western Transvaal, on March 31st. 1902, when a large force of Boers, under Delarey, surrounded Col. Cookson's mounted brigade, 14 Canadians were killed, and among them was Corp. W. A. Knisley, D.C.M. Corp. Knisley was on flank patrol, and with others of his troop were cut off, and were all killed or wounded. The Boers at this period being short of clothes. stripped the British dead, and when Corp. Knisley's body was brought into camp the next day, the S.A. Queen's Ribbon, and the D.C.M. ribbon which he was wearing when killed, was found pinned to his naked chest with a six inch hard thorn. Those who killed him realized he had been awarded a decoration for bravery and were thoughtful in preserving the two ribbons. He was buried at Harts River with the ribbons still attached to his naked chest. Sergt. C. H. Othen and Corp. A. E. Hilder, who were in the scrap at Lillefontein, and were taken prisoners, were also in the Harts River scrap and were very fortunate in escaping being wounded. Sergt. C. H. Othen also went through the Great War with the R.C.D. He has quite a record of active service.

#### THE HORSE IN WAR

(The following extracts from a very interesting book entitled "Fear and be Slain," by the Right Hon. J. E. B. Seeley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (now Lord Mottistone). The publishers of "Fear and be Slain" are Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd., St. Pauls House, London, E.C. 4).

All of us who were on the Western Front will remember the inevitable of all offensives; first the lorries lumbering up the newly made roads, then the efforts of vast numbers of labor battalions with great rollers to make good the roads, loosened by shells and churned into mud, and soon after the abandonment of the effort, the long strings of horses and mules carrying on their backs what could no longer be transported on wheels.

A few miles back the same phenomenon happened a little later. Lorries with rations and stores operating smoothly for the first week or two, then with greater and greater difficulty, and finally horse-drawn guns and horse-drawn vehicles alone capable of meeting the needs of the army.

I have been watching these things now for thirty years, and the experience is invariable. As peace continues and real war recedes further and further into antiquity, more and more fantastic are the theories which are involved. In peace time the pundits decide that armies and guns shall move quicker and quicker; guns shall be smaller and swifter: mechanical contrivances shall become more and more important—what is now termed "mechanization." But in real war armies move slower and slower, guns become bigger and bigger and slower and slower, and all the mechanical devices, after the first thirty-six hours, fail and are scrapped in favour of the only means of transport that really survives in the front line in war-the men and the horses.

A second fallacy is the idea that by "mechanizing" our forces—a hateful, ungrammatical word, but it seems to have crept into the language—we can create a powerful force with fewer men. I am persuaded that this is a delusion as profound as the theory that there will be no more war. War is a rough-and-ready business, a case of making things do. All the elaborate arrangements depending upon petrol supplied may give one a good start, but nothing more when the real clash of arms comes. In moving warfare,

as before, the infantryman will walk on his feet and carry his rifle, the cavalryman will bestride his horse, which moves him swiftly from place to place, can keep alive in most countries with but little help, and, itself almost immune to gas poisoning, can transport him safely above the lethal gas, which must float within a few feet of the ground. Woe be to the country which trusts solely to a mechanized army.

Extracted by Lieut. Col. C. Evans, M.C., for the "Springbok" Magazine.



We wipe the mud from our eyes and after baling out the typewriter and letting the water flow out of the office window, we are ready vet again to tell you about the trials and tribulations. sorrows and joys of the local celebrities-lest there be any doubt as to where we are, it is dear old Niagara-in-the-Lake where for years we have been wont to gather of a summer and paddle in the dear old briny which can usually be found anywhere in Camp——some three months have elapsed since you last heard from us, that is except for "Jock" (2) who is our tent-mate and claims he hears us every night and during that time not only has much water passed under the bridge, but also quite a lot of it didn't pass but stayed all over the Camp—with so many newcomers to the Squadron it would surely not be amiss to mention a couple—we had always believed that Young Lochinvar came out of the West, and it has also been proven beyond reasonable doubt that Fu Manchu came out, or went into the East, and this stern challenge to the North and South has been answered in part by "Bucko MacDonald (1)" who comes out of the Nor'West, and by "Stinky" Mann (3) who comes out of the North (St. Clair Ave.) ---- the former a close kin of "B.S." (1), has given ample evidence of his sporting blood and promises to be a decided asset to the Squadron in the world of sport-"Wallaby" Johnson (2) not only fills a gap left vacant by the retirement of "Alice," but has also quite a bit left over-with so many newcomers "in our midst" (courtesy "A" Sqn. Reporter), it is small wonder that many of the old-timers like ourselves have almost faded from the public vision, however by peering into the distance we notice that "Egbert" (2) has

again found a car, and strange to relate also with a sail boat up front which makes one wonder whether to look along the highway, or across the lake when watching for his return—apart from an afternoon spin down to New York, "Eggy" has nothing to report of interest-sporting activities are again very much to the fore although most of the festivities will not take place until we go to press-going over one evening to witness the opening of the ball season we were at once told that not only were we in 2nd Troop but that we were playing right field---this gave our sporting blood very little time to boil, and so we made several errors but managed to snaffle a couple of pop flies (no, mosquitos are mother flies)——the doughty 2nd lost the game chiefly because 3rd Troop turned out so many men that it took us all our time to make sure they weren't fielding a fifteen—the football, volley ball, and cricket hasn't started yet but we expect to have something to say about these sports next time so look out-wandering around the lines one night and thinking what a swell place Toronto is, we ran into a feud, meaning that "Reggy" (3) and Wimpy (3) were "foiling" all over the lot (no "foiling")——coming in fairly close, but keeping a safe distance so as to avoid being insulted, we marvelled at "Wimpy's" wrist action, while "Reg's" knee action was also a delight to the eye-after an exchange of "ripostes" followed by a couple of "fortes," "Wimpy" was "pinked" as clean as a whistle, and so "Reg" won the first and only fall of the bout---wiping his foil on his sleeve he looked around for someone to insult, but catching the baleful look in his eye, we grabbed a lawn-mower and hastened to our tent where for

the next few hours we cut grass very conscientiously----we were forced to forgoe the pleasures of the Line of March this summer due to our belonging to the "G" branch, but at the wheel of "Walter's" (1) "Comet", and with "Bonkus" (1) well in the rear we had quite an enjoyable trip to Niagara—accompanying us was a dog who after making several unsuccessful bids to stop at lamp-posts while the car was in motion behaved like the little lady she was—arriving in Camp, we though we were in the dog-house, since we had definite instructions to watch our charge, but all the dogs in camp were anxious to welcome the newcomer, and insisted on parking outside the office and in no uncertain "doggy" language offered her to "come outside"--it was with a feeling of relief that we finally handed her over to her master, as clean and pure as when she left the city—and speaking of dogs there are several choice specimens in Camp this summer, mostly from foreign countries like Montreal and London—chief among them is one "Caesar"— -built like a horse, and with very little difference in size, he is stone deaf and sports a perfect black eye-his hobbies are pulling up tent-pegs and digging pits outside tents, so we are always in constant fear of having our tent collapse about us-he comes from St. Johns, so maybe we will see him in the tent-pegging section from the Country Squadron if he can get a transferwe have mentioned a few words about the newcomers to the Squadron, and thus it would not be amiss to also say something about those who have left-wiping a salty tear from our seamed and lined countenance, we say "So Long, Pal" to "Bonkus" (1), sometimes known as "Paddy", who has discarded the uniform to go and climb "telegram" poles in the far northwhile we are always glad to see our pals take a rise in the world, we watch his parting with a feeling closely akin to sorrow and we bid him the best of luck, and may the "telegram" poles be good solid ones—we know what we are talking about here for we had some experience in that game last summer when we were learning to be a signaller-"Kitch" (2) a product of the local district (Niagara) has also left us, and his going has left a gap on the Squadron hockey and baseball team that will be hard to fill-others to depart this year include "Bing" (1), "Pete" (2), and "J.C." (1), and we wish them all the best in their new surroundings-"Alvin" (1) sports a

becoming coiffure this summer, which should make a hit with the local lassies—the sporting blood of the Squadron is being carefully stirred this summer so that it may boil when we meet the Infantry-some "dark horses" have come to the fore and a few of them include "Joe the Drinker" (1) who, with the aid of a fatigue party of four intends to toss the caber quite a distance --- "Stony" (2), who is going in for hurdles, and "Dinty" (2) whose pole vaulting performance of last summer thrilled the large crowd-'tis claimed that he intends to use a parachute this summer so as to delay his return to earth ----volley-ball is a popular addition to the sporting programme this year although to date the Shiny Third have had things all their own way—2nd Troop have run into some bad luck in the early part of the baseball schedule, and also ran into one "Alpine" (1) who is not a swiss yodeller as his name might imply but is the mainstay of the 1st Troop team during the absence of "B.S." (1), his close companion—this Westerner who has already earned fame as a catcher of note has also taken up the hurling duties, and is so fast on the bases that if ever the 1st Troop should be a man short, we expect to see him not only pitch, but by racing up backwards after every ball, also do the catching for himselfand then dart back into the infield to snare any pop flies—the Fencers are also getting ready for a stiff schedule with the St. Catherines Horse Show in the offing—the public choice this year seems to be the Morgan Entry from 1st Troop, so don't say we didn't tell you-a day of Squadron Dismounted Sports has been arranged this year, and we are beset on all sides to "come on out for the Dear Old Second"many, many years ago we were in Second Troop, and providing the weather keep up we might possibly enter in the 100 metres back stroke, or else the single sculls-many cases of temporary blindness were reported when on June 19th, the sun came out and the men who had grown into their rubber boots had to be "thrown" to get them off-the final inter-Company Baseball game was lots of fun-played in rainstorm aided by a slight fog, and on a diamond which was covered with hay, it reminded us of the Old Old Country Rugger games after each of which the team captains had to go around peering at the moving masses of mud and saying very politely "Are you Jones, our scrum-half?"----the local celebrities, or "B" Company, finally won the game with "Joe" (3) getting credit for no fewer than three put-outs and nine assists (he was the queer looking guy who was base-umpire, and spent most of his time wiping mud off the ball) -the "C" Company boys started off in fine style and until the time when they started to discard their clothing, seemed to have the game well in hand—the Heroes of 1937, or the 2 10th Dragoons, also spent a few days among us riding daily in all kinds of weather, although the weather was for the most part only one kind "Wet and Muddy"---as we write this we hear the plaintive call of one bagpipe to another, which means that the Toronto Scottish have sent over an advance party of pipers-why they send pipers on the advance party is quite beyond us unless it is to prepare us for what is to come—these lads in kilts always seem to have a good time in spite of the plaintive noises which they make on their pipes on the slightest provocation—we made a determined effort to do some "sporting" for the Dear Old Second during the Squadron Dismounted Sports, but our old joints creaked so much that we had one of the M/T drivers chasing us around with an oil-can, and quite often catching up to us—and we come to the usual crop of laudatory itemsa hearty slap on the back to the Morgan Stable for winning the Jumping Class at St. Kitts, and to "Bud" (3) who also stole some of the show ---a loud burp on the bassoon for "Albert Henry" (3) Joe to you, who not only stole the saddle class, but lifted a nice piece of silverware in the doing of it—a plaintive bleat on the tenor flute for "Chopper" (3), who despite some dogged determination on his part to remain "stag", has at last succumbed to the charms of the "fair" sex and has launched himself into the sea of despair—(congratulations, Chopper) ---"Der Toid" won the day at the Sports as was expected, although a "One Man Gang" by the name of "Sydney" (2) not only threw a scare into the doughty three, but also nearly won all the points for Dear Old Second-the Smith Bros, while not as spectacular in their performances as they were last year, again provided the feature events, although one "Scabby" (3) who entered in very many events but not the Recruits Obstacle Race, also won himself a fair slice of fame and a lot of free drinks, which as he says, as he hangs his head, are "coming"——it fair made

our heart bleed to see such famous men of vesteryear as "Norm" (3) and "Chopper" (3), despite strenuous efforts on their part, give way to the younger blood which is in our "midst"--the current campaign against the Warlike Tribe from the North, who are really quite harmless peasant folk, and are Warlike only for the purpose of the exercise, reminds us of a bit of strategy of ours that was far from successful--we had pitched our tent shortly after our arrival in Camp, with a Southern exposure (an English idea supposed to be healthy) and we were under a nice shady tree with nothing but a cow-trail in front of us-a few weeks passed, and a body of men arrived and tore at the ground to such extent that a road was built in quite a short time, and now cars fly past making much noise, and raising immense clouds of dust as the exhausts chuckled horribly-how we love the Engineers: -----and to strike a serious note for a moment, and at the same time fill up some space, we take the opportunity of thanking those pals of ours who so nobly held forth during our Big Moment on May 19th-a farewell party in honour of "Chopper" (3) who is safely launched in double harness, was a feature of the month of June—it being a wet month, the party was the more appropriate, and it was with a feeling of sorrow that he finally walked the gang-plank on to the boat which carried him from Liberty, but to new and better things---Congratulations, "Chopper," and many years to enjoy your new station in life-and donning our good shirt which is becoming fraved around the buttonholes, we "did" the local dance "of a Wednesday night" and keeping our eagle eye on the alert we saw-"Bucko" (1), looking very chic in white flannels with matching accessories, telling Western stories to two of the local "debbies"-"GHSK" (3), sans blazer and flannels, but with a "beak" in tow-"Norm" (3), looking very forlorn and empty, and "Reuben" (3), who was engaged on a reconnaissance patrol with much success—others very much in the public eye were "Chizzy" (3), who was apparently conducting a School of Dancing on the grass, his audience being the Local Sunday School Brigade ---and many others----what impressed us most was the fact that apparently "Der Toid" have a monopoly on the dancing partners in town, as well as in the Sporting World-and now, having for another three months given you

all the local dirt as far as we can remember, we will draw in our horns and become the rather simple, harmless, quiet and reserved fellow that you know us to be for another three——as we sign off, "Baxter" (2) who is ever prowling around waiting for a chance to put salt in our coffee, comes in and says (quote) "Say, Harry, I'll bet

your family is proud of the China Clipper" (unquote)——as we reach for the ink-well, he slides out under the door with a horrible chuckle and life is again made miserable for us, so we leave you, in our misery, but on the alert for company——s'long, and we'll be seein' ya——may be.

J.B.H.

#### MILITARY WEDDING

A wedding of interest locally was solemnized at St. Saviour's Church, Toronto, Ontario, on May 19th, when Marjorie Evelyn, only daughter of Mrs. Lillie Guthrie and the late William Guthrie, became the bride of Corporal J. B. Harrison; the Reverend N. A. Fitzroy-Bourne conducting the ceremony.

The church which was decorated with standards of spring flowers, palms and ferns, was filled to capacity as the lovely bride walked down the aisle on the arm of her cousin, Mr. Sydney Hoult of Montreal, Que., who gave her in marriage. Miss Margaret Whitehead attended the bride and Miss Francis Norma Stafford was the flower girl. The groom was attended by Corporal F. N. Stafford, and ushers were Troopers E. W. Avery, J. R. Stobo, J. E. Shacklady, J. R. Manship and N. H. Archer.

During the signing of the registry, Mr. Christopher Kelso, a life-long friend of the bride's family, sang "The Sweetest Story ever Told" and as the happy couple left the church, members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons and Governor-General's Horse Guards formed an archway of swords.

Smartly turned out men in the blue uniform of the Dragoons added a touch of colour as they moved among the guests at the reception which followed at the home of the bride's mother and which was attended by over a hundred persons. During the reception the bride cut the wedding cake in true cavalry style, using her husband's sword. The happy couple left for a honeymoon at Thorah Island, Beaverton, Ontario, and will live at 15 Kelvin Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

The Springbok extends hearty congratulations to the bride and bridegroom, and wishes them many years of continued happiness.

#### EXTRACTS FROM DAILY ORDERS, PART II.

#### No. 33 dated 13-3-37

No. 1645 Tpr. H. W. Parker ..B.. To draw Military and Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 13-3-37.

#### No. 39 dated 24-3-37

Jack Hector MacDonald

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and posted to "B" Squadron, with effect

Regimental No. 1661.

Promotion Examinations—Permanent Active MILITIA RESULTS:

At an examination held in October, 1936, the undermentioned officers whose names are arranged in regimental order passed in the subjects stated against their

Lieutenants for promotion to Captain: Lieut, J. D. B. Smith, R.C.D. (b) it Part H.

#### No. 41 dated 31-3-37

No. 524 SSM, W.O. 11 C. Sayger Having completed his term of engagement, is struck off strength, with effect 28-3-37.

Character on discharge: "Exemplary."

Address: 81 Shaw Street, Toronto, Ontario.

No. 1623 Tpr. J. E. Gillman Having purchased his discharge, is struck off strength, with effect 31-3-37.

Character on discharge: "Good."

Address: 15 O'Hara Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

4.R" No. 1539 Tpr. B. S. Lewis Having completed his term of engagement, is struck off strength, with effect 31-3-37.

Character on discharge: "Exemplary."

Address: 150 Hammersmith Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

#### No. 42 dated 1-4-37.

No. 698 Sergt, J. Y. MacDonald Promoted to the rank of Squadron Sergeant-Major, vice No. 524 SSM, C. Sayger, discharged to pension, with effect 29-3-37.

No. 1550 Corpl. H. W. Price Placed on the Married Establishment Other Ranks Roll. vice No. 1472 Sergt, F. L. Nickle, absorbed in Sergeants Roll, with effect 29-3-37.

#### No. 42 dated 1-4-37

..B.. No. 1647 Tpr. J. Dawson No. 1648 Tpr. J. P. Cumming ..B.. To draw Military Proficiency Pay, with effect 1-4-37.

#### No. 44 dated 6-4-37

Norman Mann

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 5-4-37

Regimental Number 1662.

#### No. 48 dated 11-5-37.

Captain S. C. Bate. Having proceeded to Ottawa, Ontario, on duty with the Canadian Coronation Contingent is to be shown as On Command, with effect 0915 hrs. 14-4-37.

The undermentioned personnel, having been attested for a period of three years, are taken on strength and posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 16-4-37.

No. 1663. Tpr. William John Robert Timms. No. 1664. "William Stone.

#### No. 52 dated 19-4-37

No. 916 | Cpl. A. Sgt. (O.R.C.) J. F. Watson Promoted to the rank of Sergeant (Orderly Room Clerk), with pay, with effect 1-4-37.

#### No. 55 dated 23-4-37

#### WARRANT RANK

The Minister of National Defence has been pleased to make the following appointment by Warrant Class 1. The Royal Canadian Dragoons (Instructional Cadre): To be Sergeant-Major Instructor: Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructor James Mason Hallet, with effect from the 1st February, 1937.

Haig Blakely Lewis.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and is posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 23-4-37.

#### No. 56 dated 24-4-37

No. 1446 Tpr. O. W. Peterkin ..B... Having purchased his discharge, is struck off strength, with effect 25-4-37.

Character: "Very Good."

Address: Westcourt Apts., King St. West, Toronto, Ont.

No. 1656 Tpr. M. A. Hawryluk Struck off strength under provisions of K.R. Can. 386 xvi with effect 25-4-37. Character on discharge: "Good."

Address: Hyas, Sask.

#### No. 58 dated 28-4-37

The undermentioned were successful in examinations held in March, 1937, and have been granted Army 2nd Class Certificates of Education.

No. 1626 Tpr. F. P. Briggs No. 1658 Tpr. J. R. Stobo No. 1649 Tpr. W. E. Smith No. 1659 Tpr. F. M. Lamb

No. 1596 Tpr. J. S. Kemp

#### No. 61 dated 1-5-37

Capt, byt. & temp. Major D. A. Grant, M.C. R.C.D. Having reported for duty from R.M.C., Kingston, Ont., is taken on strength and posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 1-5-37.

No. 1596 Tpr. J. S. Kemp ..B... To draw Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 23-3-37

No. 1626 Tpr. F. P. Briggs. To draw Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 22-3-37. Awarded one (1) Good Conduct Badge, with effect 29-4-37

#### No. 62 dated 4-5-37

No. 1506 Tpr. O. A. Hemingway "B" To draw Military Proficiency Pay, with effect 29-4-37.

No. 1628 Tpr. W. J. N. Donovan Awarded one (1) Good Conduct Badge, with effect 1-5-37.

#### No. 64 dated 7-5-37

The undermentioned are awarded the Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) under the provisions of the Royal Warrant, dated the 23rd of September 1930, and General Order No. 1 of 1932.

No. 320 Tpr. A. E. Mason

R.C.D.

#### No. 65 dated 8-5-37

No. 565 Tpr. C. H. Barker Awarded four (4) Good Conduct Badges, with effect 10-1-37.

"B" No. 1504 Tpr. J. R. Willis Awarded four (4) Good Conduct Badges, with effect 7-1-37.

No. 1627 Tpr. W. A. Robertson "B" Awarded one 1 Good Conduct Badge, with effect 30-4-37.

No. 1663 Tpr. W. J. R. Timms. "B" Awarded two 2 Good Conduct Badges, with effect 16-4-37.

No. 1596 Tpr. J. S. Kemp "B" Appointed to acting rank of Lance-Corporal (unpaid), whilst employed as N.C.O. I-C Regimental Transport, with effect 10-5-37.

#### No. 66 dated 11-5-37

Lawrence Thomas Armstrong.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and is posted to "B" Squadron with effect 10-5-37.

Regimental Number 1666.

#### No. 67 dated 13-5-37

John Rawlinson Copeland.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and is posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 13-5-37. Regimental Number 1667.

Roderick Alpine MacDonald.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and is posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 13-5-37

Regimental Number 1668,

#### No. 72 dated 25-5-37.

Edwin Sutherland Johnson.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength and is posted to "B" Squadron, with effect 20-5-37.

Regimental Number 1669.

#### No. 74 dated 28-5-37

No. 531 Sergt, Instructor H. F. Costello I.C. Promoted to the rank of Squadron Sergeant Major Instructor, W.O. Class II, with effect 17-3-37, under the provisions of K.R. Can. 347 h.

No. 1601 A L Sergt, C. W. Smith R.C.D. Having been struck off strength of the R.M.C., is taken on strength, with effect 20-5-37. Posted to "B" Squadron with the rank of Lance-Corporal with pay, Seniority to date from 22-9-35.

#### No. 76 dated 4-6-37

RESULTS--EDUCATIONAL EXAMINATIONS—PERMANENT FORCE PERSONNEL

The following are the results of the examinations held in March, 1937, for the Army Special and First Class-Certificates of Education.

Rank Unit Qualified in

\*Sgt.-I, H. F. Costello . . . R.C.D . . Math. D

Tpr. E. W. Avery . . . . R.C.D. . . Geog.

" C. A. Mills...... " ... Math.

- \* " J. R. Purcell . . . . " . . . Map Reading.
- \* " J. P. Cumming . . . " Eng., Math., Geog. and M.R.
  - " W. A. Robertson... " ... Math., Map Reading
  - " J. Dawson..... " ... Math.
  - " J. R. Manship.... " Math., M.R.
  - " L. R. Moore..... " ... Math., Eng., & Geog.
    - \* Completes 1st Class Certificate.

D Distinguished in subject mentioned.

Extract from A.P. & R. Dated 22-5-37.

PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA.

R.C.D. Lt.-Col. R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., is retired to pension and is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, 30th April, 1937.

To be Lieut-Colonel: Major Byt. Lt.-Colonel E. L. Caldwell. 1st May, 1937.

#### No. 79 dated 8-6-37

No. 1648 Tpr. J. P. Cumming "B" To draw Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 1-4-37.

#### No. 82 dated 12-6-37

No. 956 Tpr. F. H. Berkin "B" Appointed to acting rank of Lance-Corporal without pay whilst employed with the Stanley Barracks detachment with effect 11-6-37.

#### No. 45 dated 4-3-37

No. 626 S. Instr. G. C. Simpkin "I.C." Struck off Strength on discharge to pension with effect 4-3-37.

Character: Exemplary,

Address: 538 Pape Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

#### No. 49 dated 9-3-37.

No. 800 Tpr. S. W. Wells "A" Struck off strength on discharge to pension, with effect 9-3-37.

Character: Exemplary.

Address: 34 Craig St., Sherbrooke, Que.

#### No. 50 dated 10-3-37

No. 1070 L Cpl. R. C. Morrill "A" In possession Educational Certificate equivalent to the 1st Class Army Certificate of Education Canadian , effective 10-3-37.

#### No. 53 dated 13-3-37

No. 1095 Tpr. V. Lafontaine "A" Having been discharged under the provisions of K.R. Can. 386 viii , is struck off strength, with effect 13-3-37. Character: Good, Address: 417 St. Joseph Blyd., West, Montreal, P.Q.

#### No. 64 dated 1-4-37

No. 1001 Tpr. A. Miville
Having been discharged under the provisions of K.R. Can.
386 xvi is struck off strength, with effect 31-3-37.
Character: Good.
Address: 83 Arago Street, Quebec, P.Q.

#### No. 70 dated 9-4-37

No. 1113 Tpr. R. Dalphond To draw Military and Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 9-4-37.

#### No. 84 dated 28-4-37

No. 1066 | L. Cpl. J. H. C. Hone Awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, with effect 1-2-37.

No. 1062 Tpr. P. A. Forgrave "A" Awarded 2nd Good Conduct Badge, with effect 19-10-36.

No. 1048 Tpr. M. Therien "A"

No. 1071 Tpr. R. C. Haskett " $\Lambda$ " Appointed Acting Lance-Corporals without pay with effect 27-4-37.

#### No. 85 dated 30-4-37

No. 1008 Corpl. C. J. Quartly "A" Appointed Acting Sergeant with pay whilst performing the duties of that rank on the authorized limited establishment, effective 30-3-37.

No. 1035 L. Cpl. J. E. Croft "A" Appointed Acting Corporal with pay, vice No. 1008 Cpl. C. J. Quartly, appointed A. Sgt. with pay, effective 30-3-37

No. 1048 A. L. Cpl. Unpaid M. Therien. "A" Appointed Acting Lance-Corporal with pay, vice No. 1035 L. Cpl. J. E. Croft, appointed A. Cpl. with pay, effective 27-4-37.

No. 1062 Tpr. P. A. Forgrave "A" Appointed Acting Lance-Corporal without pay, with effect 27-4-37.

No. 92 dated 13-5-87.

No. 1115 Tpr. J. A. Hughson "A" To draw Military and Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 13-5-37.

No. 102 dated 28-5-37.

No. 1073 Tpr. J. R. W. Hider "A" Having been discharged under the provisions of K.R.Can. 386 viii) is struck off strength, with effect 27-5-37. Character: Very Good. Address: 582 Oxford Ave., London, Ontario.

No. 108 dated 5-6-37

The undermentioned officers attending the Officers Instructors' Driving and Maintenance Course at Driving and Maintenance School Royal Tank Corps, Bovington Camp, Dorset, England, and obtained qualifications as shown.

Lieut, J. H. Larocque, R.C.D. Q.11.

No. 109 dated 7-6-37

No. 1093 Tpr. W. T. Aspell "A" Appointed Acting Lance-Corporal, without pay, with effect 5-6-37.

No. 112 dated 11-6-37

The following Other Ranks of "A" Sqn. R.C.D. have qualified as signallers May 25th, 1937.

No. 929 Sergt, D. K. Hendry

No. 1021 L Cpl. B. de Leseleuc

No. 1066 L Cpl. J. H. C. Hone

No. 1089 Tpr. E. W. Elder

No. 1003 Cpl. W. Jewkes
To draw Military and Educational Proficiency Pay, with effect 25-5-37, and ceases to draw Signaliers Pay, with effect 24-5-37.

No. 1089 | Tpr. E. W. Elder | "A" | To draw Signallers' Specialists Pay, with effect 35-5-37.

No. 114 dated 14-6-37

Austin Alexander Moorcroft

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., with effect 11-6-37.

Allotted regimental No. 1124.

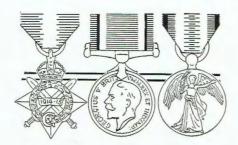
Jack Alder Porter.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength of "A" Squadron R.C.D., with effect 14-6-37, Allotted Regimental No. 1125.

No. 115 dated 15-6-37

Alfred Charles Gough

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength "A" Squadron, R.C.D., with effect 14-6-37, Allotted Regimental No. 1126.



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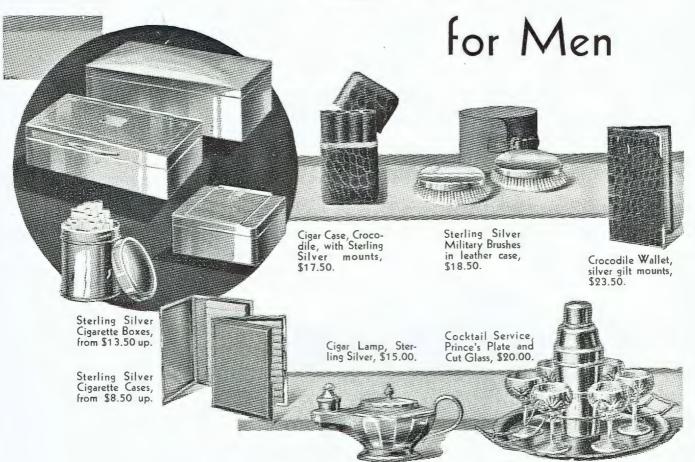






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